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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS/EMAIL

Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary

Department of Telecommunications & Energy

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

One South Station, Second Floor

Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. File No. 01-20: Motion to Strike Verizon Testimony and Motion for  
Extension of Time to File Rebuttal Testimony

Dear Ms. Cottrell:

Please accept for filing in the above-referenced proceeding the original and one copy of the attached "Motion to Strike Verizon Testimony and Motion for Extension of Time to File Rebuttal Testimony." In addition, I have also included one extra copy of the enclosed documents. Kindly date stamp it and return it for our files.

Allegiance Telecom of Massachusetts, Inc., Covad Communications Company, El Paso Networks, LLC, and Network Plus, Inc. (collectively "CLEC Coalition") respectfully request that the Department rule on these motions by Tuesday, May 15, 2001. The reason why the CLEC Coalition requests such expedited consideration is that if these motions are denied in whole or in part, the CLEC Coalition will be forced consequently to engage new expert witnesses to address new issues during the extremely tight procedural schedule associated with this proceeding.

If you have any questions about this filing, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

Philip J. Macres

Enclosure

cc: DTE 01-20 Service List DTE 01-20 (Paper and E-mail)

DTE 98-57 Phase III Service List (E-Mail)